

9. The article of claim 8 in which at least one microcube of said array has a plane of symmetry in which lies the cube axis with said microcube, thereby increasing the entrance angularity of said array in a plane perpendicular to said plane of symmetry.--

Remarks

Please enter the above amendments before substantive examination. The specification is being amended to reflect a change in status of some of the prior cited co-owned applications. No new matter has been added.

New claims 5-9 have been added. Support for these new claims can be found, for example, in the cube corner array shown and described in connection with FIG. 9. Such support can likewise be found in parent application 08/887,074, filed July 2, 1997.

Claims 5-9 above are substantially copied from claims 1-5 respectively of U.S. Patent No. 6,015,214 (Heenan et al.) (copy attached), issued January 18, 2000, for the purposes of provoking an interference between the present application and the '214 Heenan patent. See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.607 and 1.601(n). The correspondence between the pending claims and the claims of the '214 Heenan patent is as follows:

<u>Pending claim</u>	<u>'214 Heenan claim</u>
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Applicants also present originally filed claims 1-4.

Applicants are claiming the same patentable invention as the claims of the '214 patent and an interference is therefore appropriate. By way of example, applicant's claim 7 is identical to claim 3 of the '214 Heenan patent and is necessarily directed to the same invention. See 37 C.F.R. §1.601(n). The undersigned plans to file a more detailed request for interference in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.607 in the near future.

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